

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 and 10-14 remain in the application. Claims 8, 10, and 13 have been amended. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 1-7 are allowable and that claims 9-14 would be allowable if re-written in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Applicants believe no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments, full support therefore being shown in the drawings and specification as filed. All claims remaining in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested in view of the referenced amendment and the following remarks.

#### **Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Meyers (U.S. Patent No. 4,559,959) or Thies (U.S. patent no. 5,909,743). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants have amended claim 8 to include all the limitations of dependent claim 9. Since claims 10-14 depend from and include the same distinctive features of claim 8, Applicants submit that these claims are also allowable.

#### **Conclusion**

Applicants submit that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or rendered moot. No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this filing. However, please charge any inadvertently omitted additional fees to Deposit Account No. 23-1660.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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